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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR US-FUNDED TRAINING FOR YEMENI
MILITARY OFFICERS

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1. CHARGE AND DATT BRIEFED C/S LTC AHMED AL-GHAHSMI
ON ABOVE SUBJECT FOLLOWING LATTER'S RETURN FROM WEEK-
LONG SOUJOURN OUTSIDE SANA. AL-GHASMI VERY PLEASED
OVER LIKELIHOOD THAT FUNDS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR
CONUS TRAINING OF YEMENI MILITARY PERSONNEL. US REPS
EXPLAINED THAT, WHILE FINAL PLANNING MUST AWAIT CONGRES-
SIONAL APPROVAL OF FUNDS AND A CLEARER PICTURE OF EQUIPMENT
TO BE FINANCED BY SAUDI ARABIA, WE THINK IT APPROPRIATE
TO ENTER INTO PREPARATORY DISCUSSIONS WITH
RESPONSIBLE YAR TRAINING OFFICERS AT THIS TIME.
PER AL-GHASMI'S SUGGESTION, DATT IS SCHEDULED TO
MEET WITH DEP PHXS FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS, LTC
ALI SRAYBA, TO ADDRESS DETAILS OF A PROPOSED TRAINING

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PROGRAM. IN THIS CONNECTION DATT ASKED FOR AND

RECEIVED PERMISSION TO VISIT YEMENI TRAINING
INSTALLATIONS TO HELP ASSESS REQUIREMENTS.

2. BEFORE MEETING WITH AL-GHASHMI DATT HAD TALKED WITH
LTLVBADR AL-DIN SHAMS, CHIEF OF JORDANIAN ADVISORY
MISSION, ABOUT JORDANIAN PERCEPTIONS OF YEMENI TRAINING
REQUIREMENTS. JORDANIANS BELIEVE, AND WE AGREE, THAT
YEMENIS WOULD PROFIT FROM A MIX OF BASIC AND CAREER
COURSES IN THE PRINCIPAL US ARMY COMBAT ARMS AND
SERVICES PLUS A FEW AIR FORCE TRAINING SPACES AT SQUADRON
OFFICER LEVEL. JORDANIANS THINK YEMENIS ARE LIKELY
TO ACCEPT UNCRITICALLY ANY COURSES WE OFFER WITHOUT
REGARD TO THEIR MILITARY REQUIREMENTS OR PREREQUISITES
FOR ATTENDANCE; WHILE, BURDEN IS ON US TO COME UP
WITH REASONABLY LOGICAL TRAINING PLAN TO PRESENT
TO YEMENIS.

3. DATT HAS PREPARED TENTATIVE PROGRAM FOR DISCU-
SION WITH DEP CHIEF OF STAFF ON 15 FEB. PROGRAM
PROVIDES FOR ATTENDANCE OF 52 YEMENI STUDENTS AT
US TRAINING SCHOOLS, PLUS 3-MAN ORIENTATION TOUR
WHICH AL-GHASHMI SAYS HE STILL HOPES TO SCHEDULE IN
NEAR FUTURE. ABOVE NUMBER ACTUALLY TRANSLATES TO
83 TRAINING SPACES, SINCE STUDENTS SCHEDULED FOR
BASIC COURSES (WHICH ARE OF UNIFORMLY SHORT DURATION)
WOULD TAKE ANOTHER FOLLOW-ON TRAINING COURSE AS WELL.
EACH COURSE OR PAIR OF COURSES WOULD BE PRECEDED BY
A LIBERAL AMOUNT OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING. PROGRAM
VERY TENTATIVELY COSTED OUT AT \$425,000. CUSTION
HAS BEEN RETAINED TO COVER INCREASES IN MAP COST OF
COURSES, REQUIREMENTS FOR MTTS, AND POSSIBLY PILOT
TRAINING, DEPENDING ON SAUDI PLANS IN THIS REGARD.

4. ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING COULD BE MAJOR STUMBLING
BLOCK. WHEN APPROACHED ON SUBJECT, AL-GHASHMI OPTIMISTI-
CALLY STATED THAT HE HAD A HUNDRED OR MORE OFFICERS
PROFICIENT ENOUGH IN ENGLISH TO ENTER CONUS COURSES
WITHOUT LANGUAGE TRAINING. CHARGE AND DATT SERIOUSLY
DOUBT THIS AND ESTIMATE THAT OVERWHELMING MAJORITY
OF SELECTEES WOULD REQUIRE ANYWHERE FROM 6 TO 25
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WEEKS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TO BRING THEM SUFFICIENTLY
UP TO SPEED. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DOD TO ASCERTAIN
WHETHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL AT LACKLAND
AFB COULD ACCOMMODATE 40 59 50 YEMENI STUDENTS
ENTERING DURING THE APRIL 1-SEPTEMBER TIME FRAME.

5. FYI. DATT IS ON HOOK TO PROVIDE EUCOM WITH
TRAINING PLANS FOR FYS 1977 AND 1978 BY 15 FEBRUARY.

INTENDS TO SUBMIT TENTATIVE PROGRAMS ALONG LINES
DESCRIBED FOR FY 1976 IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. CHANGES
CAN BE FED INTO THE COMPUTER LATER ON TO REFLECT
MODIFICATIONS IN US-SAUDI-YEMENI THINKING OR ALTERED
FUNDING LEVELS. THIS IS A ROUTINE REQUIREMENT IN PREPARATION FOR AN-
NUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE SCHEDULED
IN LATE MARCH. SAME CONFERENCE CAN BE USED TO DETERMINE
FY 1977 TRAINING PROGRAM IF FUNDING FIGURE IS FIRM
BY THAT TIME.
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